



# United States Department of the Interior



## Bureau of Land Management

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### SCOPING NOTICE

#### Dry Creek 4x4 Obstacle Course

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO), is seeking public comment regarding a proposal by Western Slope 4 Wheelers to construct a full size 4x4 obstacle course within approximately 25 acres on the east side of the Uncompahgre Plateau to be designed for the 4 wheel drive public/motorized recreational enthusiast. This proposal would reopen 0.3 miles of route closed in the Dry Creek Travel Management Plan and utilize the proposed staging area within the project location.

The obstacle park would be constructed to provide an area for drivers to learn how to drive safely in the backcountry, develop off road driving skills and proper recovery techniques. The course would be designed primarily for stock 4x4 vehicles. The course would be open to all publics.

The proposed project site is within the Uncompahgre Field Office in southwestern Colorado, approximately nine miles west of the city of Montrose in Montrose County (Map 1), and located within the Dry Creek area adjacent to County Road 90. The approximate legal location is: T.48N, R10W, Section 8.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential impacts to human health and the environment. Therefore, the BLM will complete an environmental assessment (EA) to disclose and analyze the environmental effects of this project. The purpose mentioned in the EA is for developing the Dry Creek Obstacle Park to provide a controlled environment where the public can practice 4x4 skills close to town, before they venture out to the surrounding road network systems. The BLM is soliciting your comments on this proposal to help identify issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed as part of the environmental analysis and decision making process.

Comments may be submitted electronically through the identified ePlanning website below, by e-mail, or by mail. Please be specific in describing your concerns, recommendations, or how the proposal may affect you. This letter, including the map, is available online at: <http://1.usa.gov/1MTbWfG>.

Please submit comments concerning this proposal no later than September 25, 2015, so we can incorporate them into our planning process as early as possible.

Comments can be submitted electronically on the following ePlanning website:

<http://1.usa.gov/1MTbWfG>

Or

Can be emailed to:

[jmjackson@blm.gov](mailto:jmjackson@blm.gov)

Or

Can be mailed to:

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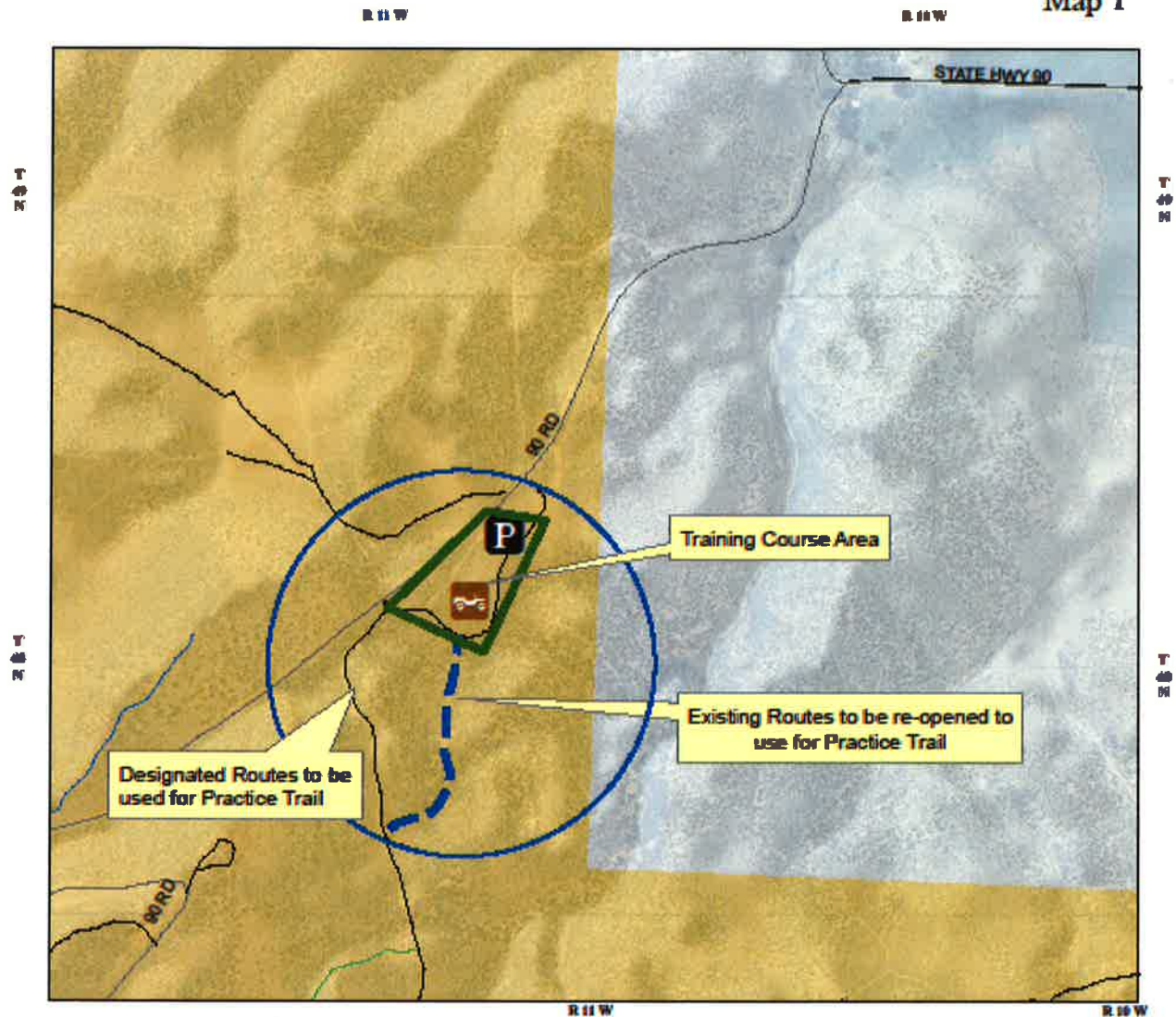
Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,



Barbara Sharrow  
Field Manager

Map Attachments (1)



### Legend

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### Current Designations

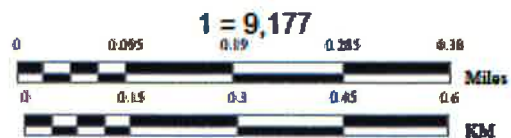
- Open
- County Roads

Uncompahgre Field Office Boundary and  
Dry Creek Travel Management Planning Boundary



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Map created on March 3, 2015



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